

December 6, 2024

Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
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Dear Minister Jones,

Re: Appointment of Medical Officer of Health for the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit

We are pleased to share resolutions from the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) and Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) appointing Dr. Lianne Catton as the Medical Officer of Health for the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit, along with our recommendation that Dr. Catton's appointment receive your approval as the Minister of Health.

Thank you for your ongoing support for public health and our communities in the north.

Sincerely,

Michelle Boileau
Board of Health Chair
Porcupine Health Unit

Stacy Wight
Board of Health Chair
Timiskaming Health Unit

Cc:

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH)
Elizabeth Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health
Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch
PHU member municipalities
George Pirie, Minister of Mines, Member of Provincial Parliament - Timmins,
Guy Bourgoin, Member of Provincial Parliament – Mushkegowuk – James Bay
John Vanthof, Member of Provincial Parliament – Timiskaming - Cochrane
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament – Algoma – Manitoulin
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Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit

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Encl: Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit *Resolution BOH-2024-12-07 Appointment of the Medical Officer of Health /Chief Executive Officer (MOH/CEO)*
Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit *Resolution #61R-2024- Northeastern Public Health MOH Appointment.*

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE PORCUPINE HEALTH UNIT

Board of Health Resolution

Title: Appointment of the Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer (MOH/CEO)
(*Agenda Item 4.4*)

Date: December 5, 2024

Resolution #: *BOH-2024-12-07*

The following motion was read:

WHEREAS section 62 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7 requires every board of health to appoint a full-time Medical Officer of Health; and

WHEREAS section 64 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act requires that the Minister approve proposed Medical Officer of Health appointments; and

WHEREAS the voluntary merger between the Porcupine Health Unit and Timiskaming Health Unit has now received formal approval from the Ministry to merge to form the Northeastern Health Unit (operating as Northeastern Public Health) effective January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit concurs with the recommendation of the Board of Health Merger Working Group to endorse the appointment of Dr. Lianne Catton as the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit (operating as Northeastern Public Health); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit recommends the appointment of Dr. Lianne Catton as Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit share this recommendation with the Ontario Minister of Health in a joint letter with the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit, and the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit.

MOVED BY: **ANDREW MARKS**

SECONDED BY: **GARY FORTIN**

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Chair – Board of Health	

Board of Health

Motion Title	Northeastern Public Health MOH Appointment
Board Meeting Held:	December 4, 2024
Motion moved by:	Steve McIntyre
Seconded by:	David Lowe

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WHEREAS section 64 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act requires that the Minister approve proposed Medical Officer of Health appointments; and

WHEREAS the voluntary merger between the Porcupine Health Unit and Timiskaming Health Unit has now received formal approval from the Ministry to merge to form the Northeastern Health Unit (operating as Northeastern Public Health) effective January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit concurs with the recommendation of the Board of Health Merger Working Group to endorse the appointment of Dr. Lianne Catton as the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the Northeastern Health Unit (operating as Northeastern Public Health); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit recommends the appointment of Dr. Lianne Catton as Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Northeastern Health Unit; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit share this recommendation with the Ontario Minister of Health in a joint letter with the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit, and the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit.

Motion: Carried X Defeated
